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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 593

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 593 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-24.2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-24.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-24.2)

7 Sec. 27-24.2. Safety education; driver education course.
8 Instruction shall be given in safety education in each of
9 grades one through 8, equivalent to one class period each week,
10 and any school district which maintains grades 9 through 12
11 shall offer a driver education course in any such school which
12 it operates. Its curriculum shall include content dealing with
13 Chapters 11, 12, 13, 15, and 16 of the Illinois Vehicle Code,
14 the rules adopted pursuant to those Chapters insofar as they
15 pertain to the operation of motor vehicles, and the portions of
16 the Litter Control Act relating to the operation of motor

1 vehicles. The course of instruction given in grades 10 through
2 12 shall include an emphasis on the development of knowledge,
3 attitudes, habits, and skills necessary for the safe operation
4 of motor vehicles, including motorcycles insofar as they can be
5 taught in the classroom, and instruction on distracted driving
6 as a major traffic safety issue. In addition, the course shall
7 include instruction on special hazards existing at and required
8 safety and driving precautions that must be observed at
9 emergency situations, highway construction and maintenance
10 zones, and railroad crossings and the approaches thereto. The
11 course of instruction required of each eligible student at the
12 high school level shall consist of a minimum of 30 clock hours
13 of classroom instruction and a minimum of 6 clock hours of
14 individual behind-the-wheel instruction in a dual control car
15 on public roadways taught by a driver education instructor
16 endorsed by the State Board of Education. Both the classroom
17 instruction part and the practice driving part of such driver
18 education course shall be open to a resident or non-resident
19 student attending a non-public school in the district wherein
20 the course is offered. Each student attending any public or
21 non-public high school in the district must receive a passing
22 grade in at least 8 courses during the previous 2 semesters
23 prior to enrolling in a driver education course, or the student
24 shall not be permitted to enroll in the course; provided that
25 the local superintendent of schools (with respect to a student
26 attending a public high school in the district) or chief school

1 administrator (with respect to a student attending a non-public
2 high school in the district) may waive the requirement if the
3 superintendent or chief school administrator, as the case may
4 be, deems it to be in the best interest of the student. A
5 student may be allowed to commence the classroom instruction
6 part of such driver education course prior to reaching age 15
7 if such student then will be eligible to complete the entire
8 course within 12 months after being allowed to commence such
9 classroom instruction.

10 Such a course may be commenced immediately after the
11 completion of a prior course. Teachers of such courses shall
12 meet the certification requirements of this Act and regulations
13 of the State Board as to qualifications.

14 Subject to rules of the State Board of Education, the
15 school district may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$50,
16 to students who participate in the course, unless a student is
17 unable to pay for such a course, in which event the fee for
18 such a student must be waived. The total amount from driver
19 education fees and reimbursement from the State for driver
20 education must not exceed the total cost of the driver
21 education program in any year and must be deposited into the
22 school district's driver education fund as a separate line item
23 budget entry. All moneys deposited into the school district's
24 driver education fund must be used solely for the funding of a
25 high school driver education program approved by the State
26 Board of Education that uses driver education instructors

1 endorsed by the State Board of Education and cannot be used to
2 subsidize or fund a private commercial driving training school
3 nor are they subject to Section 2-3.25g of the School Code.
4 (Source: P.A. 95-339, eff. 8-21-07; 96-734, eff. 8-25-09.)".